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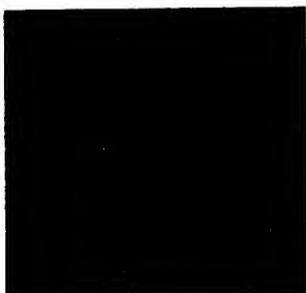
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Arbitration

Arbitration is a procedure in which a dispute is submitted, by agreement of the parties, to an arbitrator or to a tribunal of several arbitrators who give a decision on the dispute that is binding on the parties. In contrast to a mediation, once the parties have freely agreed to submit a dispute to arbitration, a party cannot unilaterally withdraw from the arbitration.

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Mediation Followed, in the Absence of a Settlement, by Arbitration

This procedure combines, sequentially, both mediation and arbitration. Where the parties agree to submit to the procedure, they must first endeavor to resolve the dispute through mediation. If a settlement is not reached through mediation within the period of time designated by the parties (either 60 or 90 days are recommended), the dispute may be referred by either party to arbitration for a binding decision.

Mediation (also known as conciliation) is a procedure in which a neutral intermediary, the mediator, endeavors, at the request of the parties to a dispute, to assist them in reaching a mutually satisfactory settlement of the dispute. The mediator does not have any power to impose a settlement on the parties. Mediation is also voluntary in the sense that either party may, if it so chooses, abandon the mediation at any stage prior to the signing of an agreed settlement.

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The CyberTribunal has ended in December 1999. The CyberTribunal was an experimental project proposing online mediation and arbitration services for disputes arising on the Internet. Professor Karim Benyekhlef, responsible for the CyberTribunal, is now working on the eResolution project.

Le projet CyberTribunal a pris fin en décembre 1999. Il s'agissait d'un projet expérimental qui offrait des services en ligne de médiation et d'arbitrage pour les conflits survenus sur Internet. Le professeur Karim Benyekhlef, instigateur du CyberTribunal, travaille maintenant sur un nouveau projet de résolution en ligne des conflits, eResolution.



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A 1999 study by the FBI and the Computer Security Institute found that **20% of websites** had detected **unauthorised access**. Perhaps more frightening, another **30%** acknowledged that they **did not even know if their web security had been breached**.

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If a consumer gets something on their bill that they do not recognise, the **responsibility is with the merchant** to prove it was a valid transaction. If they can't then they not only have to cover the cost of the goods, but also a hefty **charge back** from the credit card company. Furthermore the credit card company has the right to **suspend the merchant's account** for internet business.

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Every business should have a comprehensive risk management strategy; it should make no difference if it's an online business.

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- **Risk assessment:** identify and quantify potential risks
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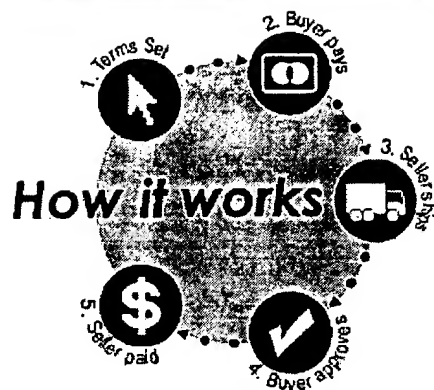
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Resolution Forum, Inc. is committed:

- To make ADR services more accessible and affordable to the general public.
- To provide businesses and institutions with training and guidance about the effective use of ADR processes.
- encourage the use of ADR to resolve business-related disputes;
- To offer corporate volunteers the opportunity to provide ADR services to the public, particularly to persons and organizations of limited means.

About Our Programs

Resolution Forum, Inc. is engaged in a cooperative effort with the State Bar of Texas Corporate Counsel Section and the State Bar of Texas ADR Section to do the following:

- Design, develop, and distribute informational packets informing the public about the availability and effective use of ADR processes.

- Test new ADR processes and technology such as the CAN-WINSM process which merges ADR with the Internet and advanced communications technology.
- Conduct ADR training programs designed for businesses and institutions.
- Create a multi-disciplinary panel system for the efficient evaluation and resolution of domestic and international disputes.

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The Disputes.org/eResolution.ca consortium was originally accredited by ICANN on January 1, 2000 as a dispute resolution provider for domain name disputes. The ICANN accreditation now rests with [eResolution](#).

Disputes.org was formed by us during the summer of 1999. We had been aware for some time of [ICANN's](#) efforts to create a new framework for the registration of domain names. It was clear to us that competition in the registration process would also bring about the need for a new process for resolving domain name disputes. It was our hope that we could bring together a group of academics and practitioners who were highly experienced in the field of trademark law and who would be willing to lend their expertise to improving the domain name dispute resolution process.

In working to resolve domain name disputes, we originally joined forces with eResolution. Our consortium brings to domain name dispute resolution all the required elements to establish an impartial and independent process. The eResolution services follow in that tradition and offer:

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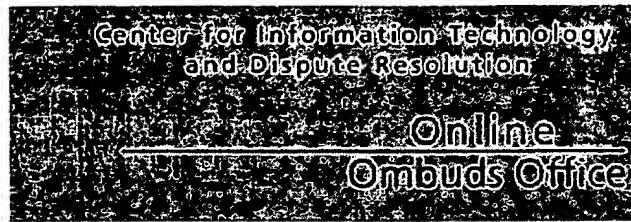
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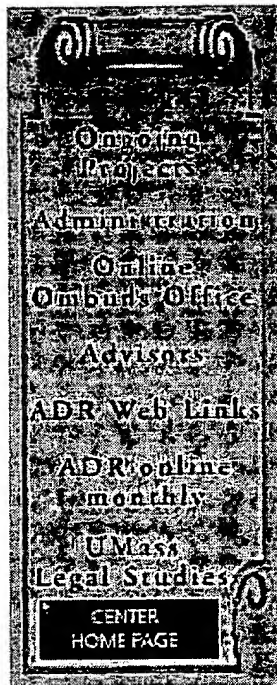
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A Place for Mediation and Dispute Resolution Services



Welcome to the Online Ombuds Office, a dispute resolution service for persons and institutions who would like an online mediator to assist them in settling a dispute. If you are involved in a dispute arising from some online activity, the information you find here and the people you can communicate with here may provide the help you are looking for. We welcome you and offer our assistance.

History

The Online Ombuds Office was established in June, 1996 with a grant from the National Center for Automated Information Research (NCAIR). In July of 1997, the Hewlett Foundation provided an award to establish the Center for Information Technology and Dispute Resolution at the University of Massachusetts. The Online Ombuds Office is the dispute resolution arm of the Center, working to employ and develop online dispute resolution resources.

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If this is your first visit, feel free to explore the information resources for disputants and mediators below. Or, if you wish assistance quickly, please fill out a form or send us an email to find out more about our service.

- During March of 1999, we worked with the online auction sites eBay and Up4Sale to mediate disputes arising out of online auctions. If you would like our assistance with such a problem, please click here.
- We believe that domain name/trademark disputes can be mediated effectively to the benefit of both parties. Why mediate? Reflect on the statement of Rex Manz, director of business strategies for Nullsoft: "We're in the business of

doing business, not litigating." Our most recent successful domain name mediation involved the site Netique.com

- We are working with the [World Organization of Webmasters](#) to resolve disputes involving webmasters. If you are involved in such a dispute, please [click here](#).

If you are involved with an online organization or business, we would be happy to [discuss](#) with you how you might use our resources and expertise in online dispute resolution. Our recent pilot project with [eBay](#) has received considerable publicity, including recent stories in the [New York Times](#) and [Wall Street Journal](#). We are eager to find other online commercial and non-commercial arenas in which an experimental conflict resolution program would benefit users.

Information resources for disputants and mediators

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Additional informational resources for mediators and persons interested in online dispute resolution are available from the [Center for Information Technology and Dispute Resolution](#).

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